

HCS HB 499-- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE IN SCHOOLS

SPONSOR: Roden

COMMITTEE ACTIONS: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues in Education by a vote of 10 to 1. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on Education by a vote of 9 to 0.

Currently, every school that is supported in whole or in part by public moneys must ensure that the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America is recited in at least one scheduled class of every student enrolled in that school at least once per week. This bill requires the pledge to be recited at least once per school day. Any person is authorized to voluntarily donate flags of the United States of America for display in individual classrooms.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that reciting the Pledge of Allegiance daily is important for American students.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Roden.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.